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## Viewing cable 05BUCHAREST1173, A/S HARTY MEETINGS IN ROMANIA ON ADOPTIONS

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<http://www.kamikazeonline.ro/2011/03/sua-catre-romnia-nu-dam-drumul-la-vize-pna-nu-dati-drumul-la-adoptii-internationale/>

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 03 BUCHAREST 001173

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FOR CA-A/S HARTY, CA/OCS/CI, EUR/NCE - WILLIAM SILKWORTH

E.O. 12958: DECL: 05/16/2015

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SUBJECT: A/S HARTY MEETINGS IN ROMANIA ON ADOPTIONS

Classified By: CONSUL GENERAL BRYAN DALTON FOR REASONS 1.5 B AND D

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST

11. (C) In meetings May 10 and 11 with President Basescu, Foreign Minister Ungureanu and other officials of the Government of Romania (GOR), As  
12. (C) (Summary, cont,d.) After his meeting with A/S Harty, President Basescu appeared to have changed his mind and decided to take positive a  
13. (C) Action Request: Per internal discussions during A/S Harty,s visit, post requests Department consideration of a letter from the Secretar  
BASESCU OBSTINATE ON ADOPTIONS, DEFLECTS DISCUSSION OF NAZIS \_\_\_\_\_  
14. (C) A/S Harty opened her May 10 meeting with President Traian Basescu by expressing support for Romania as it seeks release of Romanian jou  
15. (C) Basescu said he did recall his conversations in Washington, but that raising this subject in Brussels with the EU was like &starting th  
16. (C) Basescu reported that on May 11 he would be meeting EU Commissioner for Enlargement Olli Rehn, visiting from Brussels, and would discus  
17. (C) A/S Harty explained that Basescu,s comments in Washington had given the families hope for action after April 25, and asked whether ther  
18. (C) Asked whether there were support within the European Commission to resolve these cases, Basescu responded that now was a &very inappro  
19. (C) A/S Harty pressed again for a timeline on the issue, but Basescu replied he would have to first &test the atmosphere8 and might have sc  
110. (C) Basescu stated the issue of the pending adoptions was a &closed subject8 and that he would discuss it with Rehn. When A/S Harty respor  
11.(U) A/S Harty made clear the USG did not regard the issue as small. She assured Basescu the American families seeking to adopt the children  
12.(C) Basescu closed the discussion by saying &we will do everything we can. It is no longer a political problem for me, but a personal one.8  
REPATRIATION OF FORMER NAZIS

13.(U) A/S Harty commended Basescu for his public acts and words acknowledging Romania,s role in the Holocaust, and urged that Romania accept r  
14.(U) A/S Harty was joined in this meeting by Angela Aggeler, Spokesperson for the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Charge d'Affaires Thomas Delare  
FM UNGUREANU: MORE TALK, NO WALK

115. (C) A/S Harty told Ungureanu she was at loss as what to  
tell families with regards to Romania,s closed adoption policy, saying &Hope is not a policy.8 Families cannot wait an indeterminate amount of  
16.(C) When FM Ungureanu raised the question of including Romania among countries on a &road map" towards eventual inclusion in the U.S. Visa W  
17.(C) FM Ungureanu stated a general solution to all of the international adoption cases was needed, if not general, then on a case-by-case bas  
18.(U) A/S Harty was joined in the meeting by CA Spokesperson Aggeler, CG Dalton and Vice Consul Ann Marie Everitt (notetaker.) Ungureanu was j  
PRIME MINISTER,S OFFICE: BETTER DISCUSSION BUT NO SPECIFICS \_\_\_\_\_  
119. (U) On May 11, A/S Harty called on State Counselor Ambassador Mihnea Constantinescu, Director of the Prime Minister,s Office, Theodora Ber  
20.(C) Constantinescu explained that although the GOR is committed to resolving the adoption issue, it was not a high priority for the new gove  
21.(C) A/S Harty and Constantinescu concluded their meeting by agreeing on the importance of continued communication. In closing, Mr. Constanti  
22.(U) A/S Harty was joined in the meeting by CA Spokesperson Aggeler, CG Dalton and Vice Consul Kevin Opstrup (notetaker).  
BASESCU,S CHANGE OF HEART?

123. (C) On May 12, Charge attended a meeting between Basescu and visiting Assistant Secretary of Commerce William Lash. Basescu abruptly inter  
COMMENT

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¶24. (C) Post believes Basescu,s May 12 statements indicate he took to heart A/S Harty,s message and realized anew how seriously the USG takes